

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MISSION VALLEY PLANNING GROUP**

**March 3, 2021**

Via Zoom/Electronic Meeting

**Members Present:**

Michele Addington, Cameron Bucher, Ken Callaway, Kaye Durant, Rachel Erwin, Marissa Feliciano, Johnathan Frankel, Alan Grant, Matthew Guillory, Derek Hulse, Andrew Michajlenko, Keith Pittsford, Marco Sessa, Pete Shearer, Michael Sherman, Colton Speas, and Josh Weiselberg.

**Members Absent:** Steve Abbo, John La Raia, Elizabeth Leventhal, Kathy McSherry,

**City/Government Staff:**

**Guests:**

See list at end of minutes

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Jonathan Frankel called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:02p.m. via Zoom.

Verify Quorum: 13 members were present, constituting a quorum. Marco Sessa, Kaye Durant and Derek Hulse joined at Item E and Pete Shearer joined at Item H.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – None.

**C. INTRODUCTIONS / OPENING REMARKS/REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Jonathan Frankel welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded all there would be a record of the meeting made.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Michelle Addington moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2021 regular meeting with modification to the abstention number for the vote on the minutes approval; Ken Callaway seconded the motion. Minutes were approved 13-0-0 with Michele Addington, Cameron Bucher, Ken Calloway, Rachel Erwin, Marissa Feliciano, Johnathan Frankel, Alan Grant, Matthew Guillory, Andrew Michajlenko, Keith Pittsford, Michael Sherman, Colton Speas, and Josh Weiselberg voting yes, and none voting no or abstaining.**

**E. Public Input – Non-Agenda Items but within the scope of authority of the planning group.**

- Officer David Gibson with SDPD provided crime statistics and update for Mission Valley and Civita. Thanks and recognition made with respect to crime prevention meetings and efforts in the Civita project. Some questions asked about specific gun crimes in Mission Valley.

- Anthony Hackett provided a brief update regarding actions and efforts by Councilmember Raul Campillo’s office, including Town Hall Meeting, Short Term Rental Ordinance, Covid-Rental Assistance Program and the Planning Commission approval of the new Home Depot project 7-0.
- David Vance with Sara Jacobs’ office provided various legislative updates.

**F. Membership Committee – Michele Addington**

1. Open positions on the MVPG Board – one position in each of the Resident, Property Tax Payer and Property Owner categories.

**G. Treasurer’s Report – Elizabeth Leventhal**

1. No update

**H. Information Items**

1. Update on UCSD Hillcrest Health Campus Expansion – David Mier & Robert Clossin

*Description: UCSD will be providing an update on the progress of the Hillcrest health campus expansion which includes multiple phases of development consistent with the long-range plan adopted in November 2019. This is an information item only.*

Provided update on progress of Hillcrest campus redevelopment and Long Range Planning Document (LRDP). LRDP was approved November 2019 by Regents of the University of California. Project is essentially a rebuild of the entire campus. Replacement of hospital planned by 2030. Project has 5 main land use districts, including open space, medical, multi-family and park space. Project will require widening of Bachman Place to provide more room for transit. Overview of build-out timeline and schedule was reviewed. Build-out over the next 15 years expected. Question was asked about blind-turn out of parking garage on Bachman; confirmed the blind turn will be removed as part of redevelopment.

**I. Action Items**

1. Recommendations from Parks and Recreation Coalition (“PARC”) regarding an update to the City of San Diego Park Master Plan – Susan Baldwin

*Description: Parks and Recreation Coalition is a volunteer group of advocates seeking modifications to the proposed San Diego Park Master Plan update. PARC will present these potential modifications,*

Overview of organization and its desire to have more involvement and impact on City’s Parks Master Plan. Provided an overview of recommendations and revisions to master plan for which the organization is seeking support from others in the community, like local planning groups. Marco Sessa shared the difficulty of building community parks and bridging the gap between large passive parks vs. smaller amenitized parks. Questions were asked about 2.8acre/1000 people standard for park sizing. Pete Shearer offered background for the ratio and echoed the difficulty of bridging the gap between

large open, passive parks and smaller amenitized parks and finding value in the smaller, but amenitized parks given their significant cost over a more basic, passive park. Question was asked about return on investment metrics for parks and a question regarding a statement of the presenter concerning language in the presentation about higher (property) taxes.

**Jonathan Frankel moved to make a formal request of the City to have the Parks Master Plan and any later updates brought before the MVPG for review and to state the formal position of the MVPG in support of ongoing engagement with community planning groups as a part of the ongoing park master plan update; Michell Addington seconded the motion. The motion was approved 11-0-0 with Michele Addington, Cameron Bucher, Ken Calloway, Rachel Erwin, Marissa Feliciano, Johnathan Frankel, Alan Grant, Keith Pittsford, Michael Sherman, Colton Speas, and Josh Weiselberg voting yes, and none voting no or abstaining.**

## **J. Committee/Community Reports:**

### 1. Subcommittee Reports:

#### a. Standing Committees:

- 1) Design Advisory Board – normally meets the Monday prior to the MVPG meeting at 3:30 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library- Andrew Michajlenko

Next meeting (if needed) April 5, 2021 @ 3:30pm via GoToMeeting

#### b. Ad Hoc Committees

- 1) Public Health, Safety and Welfare – Elizabeth Leventhal

No update.

- 2) MV Stadium Redevelopment - Kaye Durant

Zoom meeting re: River Park and completion now scheduled for 2023 after stadium completion. Bulk of stadium demolition now complete.

### 1. Community Reports

a. San Diego River Coalition – Alan Grant-Normally meets the third Friday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library.

No meeting at this time other than various subcommittees. Question was asked about River Coalition involvement with PARC on their recommendations for revision to Parks Master Plan.

b. Community Planning Chairs Meeting –Michele Addington/Jonathan Frankel

Council Policy 23-221 re: Environmental Justice Policies and new Environmental Justice element in the general plan.

Discussion of Gas/Electric Franchise Agreement.

2. Miscellaneous Mail/Items-For the Good of the Order – none.

**K. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:32 P.M. Next Regular Meeting Date – April 7th at noon with location likely to be electronic (Zoom).

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Cameron Bucher, Secretary